

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, DuGuid, Simmons, Stitt, Wood

Advisory Member: Lt. Mull

Executive Secretary: Patti Austin

Department of Public Service: Rick Tilton

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Christian, George

Division of Planning and Operations Staff:

Division of Design and Construction:

Guests: Marc Conte, Elizabeth Lessner, Chet Ridenour, Jason Sudy, Courtney Winnen,

CALL TO ORDER: 5:06 p.m.

MINUTES

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve July 9, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve – Stitt

Second - Croasmun

Motion carries

ACTION ITEMS

Interim Appointment on Bicycle Subcommittee

Randy Bowman asked for a motion from the commission to approve the interim appointment of Barb Seckler to the Bicycle Subcommittee. Barb will be replacing Betsy Pandora who has moved to another position.

Motion to approve – Carr

Second – DuGuid

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Chris George provided an update as follows on issues discussed at the July 31, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

Henderson Road Shared Use Path Project – Chris stated that the construction of shared-use path on Henderson Road has begun.

Share the Road Campaign – The locations of Share the Road banners and new billboard were provided to the sub-committee.

High Street Downtown Corridor – Information was highlighted regarding the utilization of recently installed parking meters in the downtown, particularly on High Street.

State Route 161 Shared Use Path Update – Discussed with the committee the information sheet that was sent to community members.

Bicentennial Bikeways Plan Update (BBP) – Discussed the general scope of the BBP update with the committee.

Easton Area Bike Ability – Gave a brief overview of the Easton Master Bikeways Plan.

Report from Italian Village Parking Working Group

Randy Bowman spoke on behalf of the working group. He reminded the commission that this topic had been tabled in May for 90 days for further effort and collaboration to be completed. The new working group, which consists of 11 members, has met officially 5 times to date. With these meetings there have been three new action items brought forth by the working group. The following three items have all been voted on unanimously.

- First Action Item - the group requested and supported a moratorium on expanding or creating new permit areas in the area. To date the legislation had its first reading at City Council last month and is expected to have a second reading in mid-September.
- Second Action Item – the group recommended and requested that peak hour parking restrictions on Fourth and Summit all the way to Hudson be examined and possibly removed. The City has done this and is in the process of changing the signs now to restore approximately 125 legal parking spaces during the peak hours.
- Third Action Item – It was suggested that the City look at existing parking restrictions on Fourth Street next to the Wonder Bread redevelopment site. This would free up 13 parking spaces. The City is working with the Wonder Bread developer to get this accomplished.

All speakers indicated that there has been a great number of suggestions and great collaboration on this working group. While they have made progress it has been requested that that more time is needed. The working group has voted unanimously a recommendation to request that the T&PC continue to table the consideration of changes to Permit Area I thru December.

With this process the working group requests and recommends unanimously that Area I permit parking be extended through the rest of the current permit cycle, which would be thru January 31, 2014. It was also requested that the city issue no more permits to business employees that are located between Pearl and High from Hubbard down to Poplar.

Motion to approve recommendation to extend Area I parking permits through January 31, 2014 with no further expansion of employee permits for businesses West of Pearl.

Motion to approve – Croasmun

Second – Stitt

Motion Carries

Motion to approve recommendation the commission continue to table consideration of changes to permit Area I until the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Motion to approve – Stitt

Second – Croasmun

Motion Carries

Update on Short North Parking Study

Randy gave an update on the Short North Parking Study. He stated that the Short North Alliance successfully applied for UIRP (Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund) and will be receiving a \$250,000 grant through this program to undertake a parking study of the Short North Area. The parking study could take up 15 months to complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Update to Residential On-Street Handicapped Parking Rules and Regulations

Randy indicated a loop hole was found in the rules and regulations for on-street handicap parking. These rules and regulations were updated in April, 2013. Randy asked the commission for a motion to amend the language in Section V, Subsection D.

Motion to approve – Stitt

Second – Croasmun

Motion carries

Car2go Car Sharing Service Presentation

Josh Mosowitz of Car2go gave a presentation on this car sharing service. They are a private company seeking permission from the City of Columbus to operate in Columbus. It was asked of the commission for a recommendation of Car2go to the Director of Public Service as a 12 month pilot.

Motion to approve – Stitt

Second – Croasmun

Motion carries

Changing Location of Commission Meetings

The meeting location will be changing beginning with the October 8, 2013 meeting. The new meeting location will be 50 East Gay Street on the 1st Floor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve Simmons
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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AT 109 NORTH FRONT STREET